

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Thank you to Keith Burleigh for his donated time, including a bucket truck to put new lights on the tree at the Fremont Safety Complex. The Annual Tree Lighting was a huge success on December 1st and the tree looks wonderful all season!

UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETINGS

Voting for Town and School District Offices, zoning changes and other ballot items will take place at the Fremont Safety Complex, 425 Main Street, Fremont, on Tuesday March 11, 2008 with polls open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 5:00 pm ON SATURDAY MARCH 8, 2008 AT ELLIS SCHOOL, 432 Main Street, Fremont. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed to 9:00 am on Saturday March 15, 2008.

TOWN MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 5:00 pm ON SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2008 AT ELLIS SCHOOL, 432 Main Street, Fremont. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed to 9:00 am on Saturday March 22, 2008.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Fremont Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing at 7:30 pm on February 14, 2008 at the Town Hall in accordance with NH RSA 40:14 IV regarding a petition submitted for the Town Meeting Warrant relative to adoption of SB 2 in accord with RSA 40:13. In case of inclement weather, this hearing will be held at 7:30 pm on February 21, 2008. The public is encouraged to attend.

FREMONT LIBRARY NEWS

CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS: *Winter Story Times will start the week of January 15th.*

Each program will run for six weeks, ending the week of February 18th. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, and starts the week of January 8th. Either stop by or call the Library at 895 9543 during that week.

THE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME for 4's and 5's only:

Tuesdays and Fridays at 1:30 pm. Come warm up with some cool winter stories and make a simple winter craft to take home.

AFTER SCHOOL POETRY GROUP for ages 6-8 only:

Thursdays at 3:45 pm. Share some winter poems and make a winter craft to take home.

TEDDY BEAR TALES for 3's only: Fridays at 11:30 am.

Come listen to some "beary" nice winter stories and make a simple winter craft to take home.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE GROUPS WILL ONLY TAKE PLACE IF ENOUGH CHILDREN SIGN UP! (Minimum of 4).

AMONG OUR NEW ADULT TITLES:

NONFICTION: Far Traveler: Voyages of A Viking Woman by Nancy Brown; I Am America and So Can You by Stephen Colbert; American Creation: Triumphs and Tragedies at the Founding of the Republic by Joseph J. Ellis; They Lived to Tell The Tale: True Stories of Modern Adventure from the Legendary Explorers Club by Jan Jarboe Russell.; Charmed Life: Growing up in MacBeth's Castle by List Campbell. FICTION: 3rd Strike: A Brady Coyne/J.W. Jackson Mystery by Philip R. Craig; Twilight by Brendan DuBois; Darkest Evening of the Year (book and cd) by Dean Koontz; T is for Trespass by Sue Grafton; Rhett Butler;s People by Donald McCaig; Angela and the Baby Jesus by Frank McCourt.

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE:

www.fremontpubliclibrary.org. Here, you will be able to search our catalog online; see what new titles we have; suggest a book; reserve a book; download audio books as well as access other websites and see what event is taking place at the Library.

Why not start the New Year off right?! Become a Friend of the Library! For further information, contact the Chairman of the

Friends, Cheryl, at rowells4@verizon.net. Happy New Year to everyone! Come visit us soon!

ELLIS SCHOOL THANKS VOLUNTEERS

The Fremont School Board, Ellis students and staff, would like to thank the following volunteers for their work on the weekend of December 1, 2007 in preparing the baseball/softball fields behind the school. We appreciate the generous donation of your time in making this happen for the children of Fremont. These volunteers include David Richard, Peter Kelliher, Mike Romano, Steve Hines, Dave Peterson, Eric Andreoli, Mark Pitkin, Jeremy Lennon, Chris Donigan, and Mike Weymouth.

FREMONT GIVING TREE AND FOOD PANTRY THANKS

The Fremont Giving Tree would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who supported us this year. The Giving Tree sponsored a record number of 50 kids this Christmas. Because of the generosity of people within the community and surrounding areas, we were able to provide Christmas presents, winter clothing, winter jackets, boots, hats & mittens, and stocking stuffers to the children on our list.

The Fremont Food Pantry would like to thank all that have helped us throughout the 2007 Fall/Winter Season. We experienced very low stock on the shelves this past summer into fall. We are grateful to the Ellis School and the Fremont Scouting Troops who organized food drives on our behalf. Special thanks to all those who continue to drop off food and/or monetary donations at the Town Hall. Because of this support we were able to supply over 24 Christmas food baskets for residents in need.

Thank you for sharing the gift of "Giving." Happy New Year to all!

ENERGY COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Fremont Energy Committee will be providing energy savings suggestions in the Newsletter on a monthly basis. Our initial offering is a comparison of costs between a standard 60 watt incandescent light bulb and a 14 watt compact fluorescent bulb, which has an equivalent light output.

Based on current electric bills from PSNH, and light bulb prices from a local chain store outlet, a savings of \$97.00 would be achieved for every compact fluorescent installed. (Basis: 12,000 hour rated compact fluorescent and 1000 hour rated incandescent: Common ratings.)

It should be noted that, at this time, compact and standard fluorescent bulbs should not be disposed of as household trash. The reason being that these devices contain minute amounts of mercury, a toxic substance. However, it should be noted that the largest energy source for producing electricity in the U.S. is coal burning, which emits mercury. The amount of mercury produced to generate the excess power consumed by incandescent lighting far exceeds the amount contained in a compact fluorescent.

Fluorescent bulbs may be disposed of at the twice-yearly hazardous waste collection site. As an aside, it should be noted that dry cell batteries should be disposed of as hazardous waste, as well.

The next meeting of the Energy Committee is scheduled for 7:00 pm on January 15, 2008. Contact Bob Larson at 895 4013 or by email at larson.marilyn@earthlink.net for more information.

INCOME TAX INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN CLERK

When filing your tax return, the fees paid to the Town of Fremont for your vehicle registration are tax deductible. Please contact the Clerk's office at 895 8693 if you have questions or would like to know the fee amounts paid to the Town.

CABLE CONTRACT PUBLIC HEARING

The Fremont Board of Selectmen with the Cable Access / Contract Renewal Committee has continued the December public hearing to January 3, 2008 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will take place in the basement meeting room of the Town Hall. The meeting was opened on Thursday December 13th and continued due to inclement weather.

Copies of the draft contract will be available at the meeting. Check the town website on the Cable Committee page for any updates. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME

Beginning January 4 through January 23, Girl Scout's will be ringing Fremont doorbells to take Girl Scout Cookie orders! If your doorbell does not get rung during this time, and you would like to order Girl Scout cookies, please call Erin Arsenault at 734-2778 to place your order up until March 16; all phone orders will be divided among the Fremont Girl Scout Troops. There are eight different kinds to choose from: All Abouts (now in a round size), Do-si-dos, Lemon Chalet Cremes (New for 2008 - vanilla sandwich with a hint of cinnamon-ginger spice and a refreshing zesty lemon creme filling), Samoas, Sugar Free Chocolate Chips (New for 2008 - a classic favorite cookie with real chocolate chips, and none of the sugar!), Tagalongs, Thin Mints, and Trefoils. All cookie proceeds stay in our community to help build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place!

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fremont Garden Club held their Greening Workshop on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at the Fremont Public Library. Swags and Kissing Balls were made for decorating the town buildings for the Christmas season.

Thanks to Betty Stanley for the donation of the greens and to all of the members who worked so hard during this workshop.

Refreshments of soups, etc., were provided by the Board Members.

The FGC is a member of the NH Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc, and the National Garden Clubs, Inc, NE Region.

VITAL RECORDS IN THE TOWN REPORT

Any Fremont resident married in 2007 in a state other than NH who would like their marriage event to be published in the annual Town Report must send a letter of request and a copy of your marriage license to the Town Clerks Office. Sending a letter of request and a copy of the event will also publish any birth or death that occurred out of state. Any Fremont resident who had an event occur in NH who would prefer not to have it published must send a letter to the Clerk's Office requesting the event not be published in the Town Report. All requests must be in to the Town Clerk's Office by Friday, January 4, 2008. Please feel free to call the office at 895 8693 if you have questions.

DOG LICENSE REMINDER

The 2008 dog license tags will be available Wednesday, January 02, 2008. A current rabies vaccination is required for licensing and the Clerk's office is required to retain a copy of the vaccination certificate. Please be sure to license your dog(s) by April 30th to prevent the initiation of a late penalty of \$1.00 per month. If you no longer have a dog(s) please contact our office so we can remove your name from the list.

As required by RSA 466:1, all dogs must be licensed each year by April 30th. For your convenience, we can mail your license(s) for a small additional fee of \$1.00 per dog.

WINTER PARKING BAN

The Winter Parking Ban is in effect until April 1, 2008. It is unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a motor vehicle at any

time contrary to any of the following provisions of this Section unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

1. Within the Town of Fremont, from November 15 to April 1, no parking is permitted on any public street or any town-owned right-of-way, or in any town-owned parking lot between midnight & 6:00 am.

2. In the event of a winter snowstorm requiring snow plowing and/or removal as deemed necessary by the Fremont Road Agent, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody and/or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked within the public right-of-way, or on any public street or any town-owned right-of-way during a snow storm. Vehicles interfering with snow plowing or removal operations shall be towed at the owner's expense.

Additionally, DO NOT plow snow into the right-of-way.

FOOD PANTRY REWARDS PROGRAM

The Fremont Food Pantry is going to be participating in a special Shaw's rewards program. It's simple and easy! Every time you shop at Shaw's the Fremont Food Pantry gets free money! A small percentage of your total amount spent will be returned to the Fremont Food Pantry.

This program has already begun and has no expiration date. A drop off box will be at the Fremont Town Hall and the Ellis School. Start saving your receipts. If you would like more information on how you can help, please call Kathy at 895 1162.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The following Fremont Organizations are looking for members:
Open Space Committee ~

Planning Board ~ Zoning Board of Adjustment

Representative to the Exeter River Local Advisory Committee
Consider becoming involved in a Fremont organization. Learn

more about your town and perform a very valuable community service. Contact the Town Offices for information and we will refer you to someone who can give you details about the positions and what they entail. Also check the town website www.Fremont.nh.gov for more information and contact names, numbers and email addresses.

Get involved in making Fremont the place you want to live!!!

ROADS & THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Obstructions in the Town's right-of-way are not permitted. Plantings, mulch, trees, rocks, and decorative pavers ARE NOT PERMITTED. These structures of any size obstruct drainage from the roadway and cause other road problems. With the increase in winter snow, it is particularly important that the ROW area is clear.

RSA 236:15 states that any building, structure or fence within or over any highway is a public nuisance. Please do not place any such items in the right-of-way or they are subject to being removed by the Highway Department. In general, the town right of way is 13 feet on either edge of the paved surface.

If you have any questions, please contact Road Agent Guerwood Holmes at 300 7429.

CABLE CHANNEL 22

If you have Comcast cable, an informational ticker is on Fremont's channel 22, and meetings are broadcast evenings at 7:00 pm. For more information on the tape rebroadcast option, and the public service announcement section, please see the Town website on the Board of Selectmen or Cable Committee page for the policies, procedures and the necessary forms to complete.

www.Fremont.nh.gov

Have a safe, happy, and healthy New Year!